

Status of construction of Quadrilateral Corridor

†225. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual status of construction work of 'Quadrilateral Corridor';
- (b) whether it is a fact that despite sufficient budget the ambitious project is not likely to be completed within stipulated period because of Government apathy and slow pace of construction;
- (c) if not, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of target set by Government to complete the project alongwith the percentage of work completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) The status of Golden Quadrilateral Project as on 31.10.2006 is enclosed at statement-I (*See below*). Delay in acquisition of land, shifting of utilities, law and order environment and forest clearance and poor performance of the contractors etc. have caused some delay.

(d) 93.5% of Golden Quadrilateral has been completed by October, 2006. It is expected that 95% would be completed by December, 2006.

Statement

Status of Golden Quadrilateral: Status as on 31.10.2006

Component	Total Length in km.	Completed Length in km.	Per cent
Golden Quadrilateral	5,846	5,453	93.3%

Corridor-wise details of balance 393 km. is as under:

Corridor (NH)	Total Length (km.)	4 Laned Length (km.)	Under Implementation (km.) (No. of Contracts)
Delhi-Mumbai (NH-8, 76 & 79)	1419	1419	—
Mumfoai-Chennai (NH-4, 7, & 46)	1290	1229	. 61(9)
Kolkata-Chennai (NH-5, 6, & 60)	1684	1555	129(9)
Delhi-Kolkata (NH-2)	1453	1250	203(17)
Total:	5846	5453	393(35)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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RAJYA SABHA

GQ Completion Schedule:

-By December, 2006

95%

Inter-connecting village health-care Centres

226. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO propose to inter-connect village health-care Centres in the country with the top-notch medical facilities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is action plan under the above project to connect village healthcare Centres with district hospitals in Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) As part of application of space technology for the societal development, ISRO has taken up Tele-medicine initiative linking health Centres and hospitals in remote and rural areas to specialist medical facilities available in urban areas. Currently 148 rural/ district hospitals including 5 mobile medical units are connected to 34 specialty medical Centres.

(c) In the State of Orissa, currently, three Medical College Hospitals at Cuttack, Bulla and Behrampur have been provided with Tele-medicine facilities. Further, installation of Tele-medicine systems are in progress in 5 District hospitals of Kalahandi, Koraput, Sundergarh, Mayurbhanj and Kurda. Tele-medicine facilities are planned to be extended to 37 village clusters in 15 districts of the Orissa State under the Village Resource Centre programme.

Rate of employment and unemployment rural *vis-a-vis* urban areas

227. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the 61 st Round of Employment